

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A content distribution system
comprising at least a content distribution server
5 which stores and distribute content, a computer
system and a content receiving terminal which
receives said content from said content distribution
server, said computer system comprising:
a content selection document generation
10 part for generating a content selection document
including content location information indicating a
location of said content; and
a content selection document sending part
for sending said content selection document to said
15 content receiving terminal;
said content receiving terminal
comprising:
a content selection document receiving
part for receiving said content selection document
20 from said computer system;
an information extracting part for
extracting said content location information from
said content selection document;
a distribution request sending part for
25 sending a distribution request for said content to
said content distribution server; and
a content receiving part for receiving
said content from said content distribution server
according to said distribution request.
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2. The content distribution system as
35 claimed in claim 1, said computer system further
comprising an encryption part for encrypting said
content location information selectively, and said

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content receiving terminal further comprising a decoding part for decoding said content location information which is encrypted.

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3. The content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

10 said content selection document generation part generates said content selection document including said content location information and location authentication information for verifying validity of said location of said content;

15 said information extracting part extracts said content location information and said location authentication information from said content selection document; and

20 said content receiving terminal further comprises a validity verifying part for verifying validity of said location of said content on the basis of said location authentication information, and said distribution request sending part sends said distribution request when said location is
25 verified to be valid.

30 4. The content distribution system as claimed in claim 3, said computer system further comprising an encryption part for encrypting said content location information selectively, and said
35 content receiving terminal further comprising a decoding part for decoding said content location information which is encrypted.

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5. The content distribution system as
5 claimed in claim 4, wherein:

said encryption part encrypts said content
location information and said location
authentication information into encrypted data;

said content selection document generation
10 part generates said content selection document
including said encrypted data;

said information extracting part extracts
said encrypted data from said content selection
document; and

15 said decoding part decodes said content
location information and said location
authentication information.

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6. A computer system used in a content
distribution system comprising at least a content
distribution server which stores and distributes
25 content, said computer system and a content
receiving terminal which receives said content from
said content distribution server, said computer
system comprising:

a content selection document generation
30 part for generating a content selection document
including content location information indicating a
location of said content; and

a content selection document sending part
for sending said content selection document to said
35 content receiving terminal.

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7. The computer system as claimed in claim
6, further comprising an encryption part for
5 encrypting said content location information
selectively.

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8. The computer system as claimed in claim
6, wherein said content selection document
generation part generates said content selection
document including said content location information
15 and location authentication information for
verifying validity of said location of said content.

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9. The computer system as claimed in claim
8, said computer system further comprising an
encryption part for encrypting said content location
information selectively.
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10. The computer system as claimed in
30 claim 9, wherein:
said encryption part encrypts said content
location information and said location
authentication information into encrypted data;
said content selection document generation
35 part generates said content selection document
including said encrypted data.

11. The computer system as claimed in
5 claim 7, said computer system further comprising:
an information obtaining part for
obtaining content information including said content
location information, and access information
relating to said content information;

10 an encryption method selection part for
selecting an encryption method for said content
location information on the basis of said access
information;

wherein said encryption part encrypts said
15 contents location information by using a selected
encryption method.

20 12. The computer system as claimed in
claim 8, said computer system further comprising an
information obtaining part for obtaining content
information including said content location
25 information, access information relating to said
content information, and location authentication
information for verifying validity of a location of
content specified by said content location
information;

30 wherein said content selection document
generation part generates said content selection
document including obtained location authentication
information.

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13. The computer system as claimed in claim 7, said computer system further comprising:

- 5 a key sharing part for sharing a key used for encrypting said content location information with said content receiving terminal; and
- a billing part for billing a usage fee of said content specified by said content location information according to a key sharing history.

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14. A content receiving terminal in a content distribution system comprising at least a
15 content distribution server which stores and distribute content, a computer system and said content receiving terminal, said content receiving terminal comprising:

- 20 a content selection document receiving part for receiving content selection document including content location information from said computer system;

- 25 an information extracting part for extracting said content location information from said content selection document;

- a distribution request sending part for sending a distribution request for said content specified by said content location information to said content distribution server; and

- 30 a content receiving part for receiving said content from said content distribution server according to said distribution request.

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15. The content receiving terminal as

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claimed in claim 14, said content receiving terminal further comprising a decoding part for decoding said content location information which is encrypted.

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16. The content receiving terminal as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

10 said information extracting part extracts said content location information and location authentication information from said content selection document; and

15 said content receiving terminal further comprises a validity verifying part for verifying validity of a location of said content on the basis of said location authentication information, and said distribution request sending part sends said distribution request when said location is verified
20 to be valid.

25 17. The content receiving terminal as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a decoding part for decoding said content location information which is encrypted.

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18. The content receiving terminal as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

35 said information extracting part extracts encrypted data from said content selection document; and

said decoding part decodes said content
location information and said location
authentication information by decoding said
encrypted data.

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